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Office of FOIA Services

April 29, 2019

Mr. Taylor Amarel
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Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552
Request No. **19-01805-FOIA**

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This is the final response to your April 15, 2019 request for "any documents, memos, updates, or publications that detail how long it takes for the SEC Whistleblower Process to be completed."

After consulting with the SEC's Division of Enforcement I have determined that there are no records that are responsive to your request. There is publicly available information located within the Office of the Whistleblower's Annual Report to Congress. Specifically, pages 12 thru 15 of the most recent report provides information about the time periods described by the rules.

I am the deciding official with regard to this determination. You have the right to appeal my decision to the SEC's General Counsel under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6), 17 CFR § 200.80(f)(1). The appeal must be received within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of this adverse decision. Your appeal must be in writing, clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal," and should identify the requested records. The appeal may include facts and authorities you consider appropriate.

You may file your appeal by completing the online Appeal form located at https://www.sec.gov/forms/request_appeal, or mail your appeal to the Office of FOIA Services of the Securities and Exchange Commission located at Station Place, 100 F Street NE, Mail Stop 2465, Washington, D.C. 20549, or deliver it to Room 1120 at that address.

Taylor Amarel
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If you have any questions, you can contact me at sifordm@sec.gov or (202)551-7201. You may also contact the SEC's FOIA Public Service Center at foiapa@sec.gov or (202) 551-7900. For further assistance you can contact a SEC FOIA Public Liaison by calling (202) 551-7900 or visiting <https://www.sec.gov/oso/help/foia-contact.html>.

SEC FOIA Public Liaisons are supervisory staff within the Office of FOIA Services. They can assist FOIA requesters with general questions or concerns about the SEC's FOIA process or about the processing of their specific request.

Finally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. OGIS can be reached at 1-877-684-6448 or via e-mail at ogis@nara.gov. Information concerning services offered by OGIS can be found at their website at Archives.gov. Please note that contacting the FOIA Public Liaison or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not a substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,



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